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H.R. 122 – To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project.

Floor Situation

H.R. 122 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Drier (D-CA) on January 4, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 122 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on March 5, 2007.

**Note: Similar language was included as part of the Newlands Project Headquarters and Maintenance Yard Facility Transfer Act (H.R. 540) in the 109th Congress. H.R. 540 included a 10 year sunset provision which is not included in the current legislation. H.R. 540 passed in the House of Representatives by voice vote on May 16, 2006. H.R. 540 was received in the Senate where its companion bill (S. 310) was considered. S. 310 did not contain language relating to the Inland Empire or Cucamonga projects. S. 310 was signed into law without the House language on August 3, 2006.*

Summary

H.R. 122 would allow the Secretary, in cooperation with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Inland Empire regional water recycling project.

The Federal share of the cost of the project shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

The bill authorizes \$10,000,000 to be used for the design, planning, and construction of the Inland Empire regional water recycling project.

H.R. 122 also allows the Secretary, in cooperation with the Cucamonga Valley Water District, may participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Cucamonga Valley Water District satellite recycling plants in Rancho Cucamonga, California, to reclaim and recycle approximately 2 million gallons per day of domestic wastewater.

The Federal share of the cost of the project shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

The bill authorizes \$10,000,000 for the design, planning, and construction of the Cucamonga Valley Water District satellite recycling plants in Rancho Cucamonga.

Background

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency was formed in 1950 as, the Chino Basin Municipal Water District. The name was changed in 1998 to reflect their mission of supplying recycled water to their service area to conserve valuable natural resources. The Inland Empire Utilities Agency has a 242 square mile service mile area which is located in the southwest corner of San Bernardino County, approximately 35 miles east of Los Angeles, and provides regional wastewater service and imported water deliveries to eight contracting agencies.

The Cucamonga Valley Water District is one of the eight agencies associated with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Cucamonga Valley Water District serves a population of approximately 170,000 customers within a 47 square mile area, which includes approximately 45,000 water connections and 35,000 sewer connections.

Cost

H.R. 122 has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

**Note: H.R. 122 authorizes \$10,000,000 each for the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and the Cucamonga Valley Water District.*

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